01 has stayed the use of Endosulfan in the State. The State Government is providing free treatment to those, suffering from the reported problems and providing free medicine to the poor patients.

JPC recommendations on soft drinks

†579. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Joint Parliamentary Committee had last year examined some soft drinks being sold in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Committee has not recommended these soft drinks as pure;

(c) if so, the names of such soft drinks;

(d) whether it is a fact that these soft drinks are now being examined by other organizations also;

(e) if so, by when the report is likely to be received; and

(f) whether Government have taken a decision to ban the sale of these soft drinks; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) examined the analytical data of the samples of soft drinks analysed by the Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi, Central Food Laboratory at CFTRI, Mysore and Central Food Laboratory, Kolkata for the presence of pesticide residues.

(b) The JPC on the basis of the above mentioned data confirmed the presence of pesticide residues in the carbonated water samples analysed.

(c) The name of soft drinks samples tested by the three laboratories are Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Blue Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Mirinda Orange, Mirinda Lemon, 7 Up, Coca Cola, Fanta, Limca, Sprite and Thums Up.

(d) to (f) The Government has initiated action on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.